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SUBJ: PRESIDENCY OF 30TH UNGA

1. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOMINATED FONMIN WILLISEE FOR PRESIDENCY OF 30TH GA. WE HAVE NOT OBSERVED ANY PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR WILLESEE CANDIDACY AMONG UN REPS IN NEW YORK, BUT IN ABSENCE OF PLAUSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, MANY HAVE ASSUMED WILLESEE WOULD BE CONFIRMED BY WEO GROUP, AND IN DUE COURSE ELECTED. POPULAR AUSTRALIAN PERMREP SIR LAURENCE MCINTYRE HAS DELAYED HIS DEPARTURE FROM UN UNTIL MARCH WITH VIEW TO OVERSEEING WILLESEE CANDIDACY.

2. ALTERNATIVES WE HAVE HEARD MENTIONED SERIOUSLY ARE TURKISH PERMREP OLCAY AND LUXEMBOURG'S PRIMIN THORN. OLCAY CANDIDACY HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM IN SOME TIME. HOWEVER, WE HAVE JUST HAD INDICATION FROM SENSITIVE SECRETARIAT SOURCE THAT THORN CANDIDACY IS NOT DEAD. WE HAVE HEARD FORMER DANISH PERMREP BORCH MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE DARK HORSE.

3. WE WERE TOLD THAT WALDHEIM IS EXPECTED TO MEET THORN IN COURSE HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WALDHEIM HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT LINE HE SHOULD TAKE WITH THORN.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE SENSED SOME UNEASINESS AMONG WEO'S
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ABOUT WILLESEE, WHOM SOME REGARD AS UNPREDICTABLE RE-

PRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRALIAN LEFT. WILLESEE DID NOT MAKE
MANY FRIENDS IN NEW YORK DURING 29TH GA VISIT. WEO'S
NOT ALREADY COMMITTED TO WILLESEE MAY CONCLUDE THORN MORE
"EUROPEAN", AND MORE TRADITIONAL AND SAFER IN OUTLOOK.
SOME WEO'S HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT AUSTRALIA HELD GA PRESIDENCY
IN 1948 AND SEVERAL OTHER WEO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET SERVED.
PENDING WEO DECISION, WE ARE REFUSING TO COMMENT ON ANY
CANDIDATE.

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